

III, Vice Chairman; Donetta L. Davidson and Gracia M. Hillman, both Commissioners.

OVERSIGHT—REVIEW IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on International Relations: Held an oversight hearing to review Iraq Reconstruction. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: James Jeffrey, Senior Advisor to Secretary Rice and Coordinator for Iraq; and James R. Kunder, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General, Iraq Reconstruction.

OVERSIGHT—REMOVING AFRICAN ENTREPRENEURIAL OBSTACLES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Rights and International Operations held an oversight hearing on Removing Obstacles for African Entrepreneurs. Testimony was heard from Manuel A. Rosales, Assistant Administrator, Office of International Trade, SBA; and public witnesses.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 4772, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Daniel L. Siegel, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, State of California; and public witnesses.

REFORMING MECHANICAL MUSIC LICENSING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action H.R. 5553, Section 115 Reform Act of 2006.

OVERSIGHT—WESTERN HEMISPHERE PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled "The Need to Implement WHTI to Protect U.S. Homeland Security." Testimony was heard from Paul Rosenzweig, Acting Assistant Secretary, Policy Development, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

NOAA'S WEATHER SATELLITE PROGRAM

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on The Future of NPOESS: Results of the Nunn-McCurdy Review of NOAA's Weather Satellite Program. Testimony was heard from Ronald M. Segal, Under Secretary,

Air Force, Department of Defense; VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN, (Ret.) Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and Michael Griffin, Administrator, NASA.

BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Reauthorization of the Brownfields Program—Successes and Future Challenges. Testimony was heard from Susan Parker Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; John M. Magill, Deputy Director, Department of Development, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES—OVERSIGHT—VA'S FIDUCIARY PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 601, Native American Veterans Cemetery Act of 2005; and H.R. 4843, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2006.

The Subcommittee held an oversight hearing on the Veterans Benefits Administration's fiduciary program, including implementation of Title V of Public Law 108-454. Testimony was heard from Renee L. Szybala, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES/HOTSPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Cyber Security Challenges at the Department of Energy," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.